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# WAR ON COAST UNIONS FRAMED

## Casey Repudiates A.F.L. Council Constitution At San Diego

### ATTEMPTS TO BARRAGE ALL NEW PROGRESSIVES

MAJORITY OF DELEGATES  
TO COUNCIL AGAINST  
SPLITTING TACTIC

Green Agent Scored

A. F. L. STATE ORGANIZER  
ADmits 85 PER CENT  
AGAINST HIM

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 22.—

"Constitution be damned!"

With these words Joe Casey, Green-Scharrenberg agent and state organizer of the American Federation of Labor, gave answer to 110 newly elected delegates to the Federated Trades and Labor Council here today.

One week ago the Council had been dissolved by Casey on a technicality—after Casey had sat in secret session with a minority group of reactionaries who recently had been cause in a series of anti-labor activities and who had been repudiated in the last elections.

Casey's defiance of the Council and of the Constitution of the A. F. of L. followed the return to the Council of a newly-elected progressive majority even more strong than the old majority which Casey had attempted to oust through his dissolution order.

The meeting opened tonight in a packed hall and was called to order by Fred Graham, pressman, and Casey's presidential appointee, Carl Barnes, also appointed by Casey, acted as secretary. Barnes is under charge in the Carpenters' District Council for withholding union property and two nights ago had been repudiated in his own local by more than a two-to-one majority. Assisting him was Ed Dowell of seabirding fame.

Adjourn Meeting

Graham called for delegates' credentials. Hardly had they been received than Graham shouted:

"The meeting is adjourned!"

Not a delegate moved from the hall.

Steinmetz, former progressive president, and Casey met in the front of the hall. Steinmetz requested the brothers to take their seats. I, then was announced that Casey and Steinmetz would meet in Casey's hotel room. Attorney Board of the Office Workers Union and a defense squad of progressive delegates accompanied Steinmetz. Returning at 10 o'clock Steinmetz (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

### San Diego Near Goal In Drive For Press Fund

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—San Diego Section is taking the lead in the drive to collect money for the Western Worker sustaining fund. The San Diego comrades have lots of trade union news to report and it will take an eight-page Western Worker to accommodate everyone.

Several other sections have gone over the top. Los Angeles and San Francisco, who should be setting the pace, are lagging behind. The success of the drive depends upon what is done in these two sections.

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS IN COMPROMISE TO ITALY

### ENGLAND FORMS DEFENSE BLOC,

New Revolt Starting  
Against France  
In Syria

LONDON, Jan. 21.—While haberdashers here were doing a thriving business in the sale of black neckties for the "six-months of mourning" for George V, the privy council met in St. James palace and proclaimed the rule of Edward VIII.

Apprehension is reported throughout working class districts where the opinion is held that the youthful Edward will be used as a propaganda shoe-horn to ease the sore foot of England into the iron boot of fascism.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

GENEVA, Jan. 22.—Concessions to Italy were maneuvered in the League of Nations council by the evasive device of pigeon holing all matters regarding further sanctions to "special committees." League officials declared that this "lessened the likelihood" of further embargoes.

Meanwhile, fear that Italy, in her desperate straits, might "run amuck" in the Mediterranean precipitating a general war caused Britain to knit seven major powers together in a mutual assistance pact. Britain, France, Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, and Rumania are now pledged to mutual aid should Italy attack.

BEIRUT, Syria, Jan. 22.—Revolt against France has broken out here in the same manner that Egypt has been revolting against the British. Violent street fighting and many injuries have marked the past few days.

Damascus and Aleppo are flooded with French troops. The Syrian nationalist movement has been suppressed by force of arms. The French exiled Fakray Baroudi, leader of the movement, and has arrested hundreds.

The legal technicality used by the French is that the organization was not registered according to French laws. Thirty-nine leading nationalists will face trial on Thursday.

The revolt is seen as a direct reaction to Italy's invasion of Africa. Closely aligned interests of French and British imperialism may be attributed to the fact that both are endangered by revolts in their colonies arising from the belligerent adventuring of Mussolini. The situation was tense in all African colonies before the invasion of Ethiopia and needed only this move to set them in action. Heroic defense by Ethiopia of her nationalism is a powerful impetus to the nationalists and anti-imperialist movements throughout Africa.

LAVAL DEFEAT

PARIS, Jan. 22.—Pressure from left-wing forces in parliament today forced the resignation of Premier Laval and all his cabinet. Doom of Laval was sealed when he sponsored the infamous Franco-British proposal for peace in the

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### STEADY!



The figure of Stalin stands today among statesmen as the Soviet Union stands among nations: the only solid rock in a sea of turmoil. Unaffected by depressions, seeking no imperialist expansion or colonies, forging steadily onward in progress and the welfare of the people, the Soviet stands as an example of sanity while nations go mad all around it.

### Alameda Labor Body to Aid in C.S. Repeal War

COMMITTEE ELECTED TO  
CONFER WITH MOONEY  
DEFENSE BODY

OAKLAND, Jan. 20.—Although the reactionary element led by Secretary Spooner put up a hard fight, progressives in the Alameda Central Labor Council elected three delegates to the Conference for the Repeal of the C. S. Law, to be held at Carpenters' Hall, on Feb. 9.

A committee was elected to confer with Tom Mooney relative to closer cooperation between organized labor and the fight for his freedom. This committee is to work with a similar one from the S. F. Labor Council. Spooner attempted to kill the committee on the grounds that there was no such committee elected in S. F. Two of the reactionaries in supporting Spooner's move charged that the Mooney Defense Committee is a racket and spends money for its own benefit.

One of the rank and file delegates pointed out that the reactionaries such as Scharrenberg and Vandeleur have always fought against the defense for Mooney.

A resolution vigorously condemning the proposed change in the election laws regarding the appointment of Superior Court judges was endorsed.

The Inter-Professional Workers' (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

### MEXICAN BAN ON OLYMPICS IS EMPHATIC

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 21. Lazaro Cardenas, president of Mexico, has forbidden all Mexican participation in the Nazi Olympics.

All preparations for Mexican participation have ceased. Cardenas' action is seen as a result of working class and anti-fascist pressure upon the government.

It is also reported that no "unofficial" participation by Mexico will take place, no matter what attitude is shown by the United States on the question.

## C. S. PRISONERS DENIED BAIL; PETITION LOSES

### FREEDOM FIGHT OPENS NEW DRIVE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—Petition for release of the Criminal Syndicalism trial victims on bail pending their appeal to the State Supreme Court has been denied. This was the second attempt of International Labor Defense Attorney Leo Gallagher to secure release of the prisoners from San Quentin and Tehachapi in order that they might prepare their appeals.

THE TRANSCRIPT  
Only one copy of the transcript of the trial (15 volumes, 7000 pages) has been supplied by the Sacramento court. Since most of the prisoners are handling their (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

## SUPPORT THE MARITIME UNIONS! DEFEAT THE SHIPOWNERS' PLOT!

(EDITORIAL)

The exposure of the shipowners' conspiracy to lock out the maritime workers, suspend the existing agreements and awards, and smash the maritime unions which are under militant rank-and-file leadership, should arouse the entire labor movement to rally the utmost mass support for the maritime workers who are fighting for the existence of their unions and the defense of their hard-won working conditions. The statement issued by the San Francisco Council of the Maritime Federation, signed by President Harry Bridges and Secretary Mervyn Rathbone demands a public Congressional investigation into this union-smashing plot, which is financed not only the shipowners, but the Industrial Association and powerful reactionary financial interests that are prepared to resort to the most ruthless fascist vigilante methods in order to destroy the trade unions and all working-class organizations.

Deliberate Attack

The shipowners have selected this moment to launch their attack. timing it to coincide with the action of the reactionary officials of the I. S. U., the Scharrenbergs and the Olanders, who are attempting to split the Maritime Federation by threatening to revoke the charters of the West Coast seamen's union if they did not withdraw from the Federation. At this critical moment, the West Coast seamen must be on their guard against any attempt to split either the I. S. U. or the Maritime Federation. The seamen must fight to remain in the International Seamen Union, fighting side by side with the rank and file on the East Coast and the Gulf for democratic control of the union and a militant policy for the improvement of their conditions. The seamen must not allow themselves to be split away from the Maritime Federation, which would break up the unity which has won so much for the maritime workers.

IF IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE MARITIME FEDERATION TO CONFORM TO THE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE I. S. U. AND A. F. OF L., THIS SHOULD BE DONE, SO THAT THE WEST COAST SEAMEN CAN MAINTAIN THEIR UNITY WITH THE OTHER MARITIME UNIONS! THE MARITIME FEDERATION IS NOT OPPOSED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF EITHER THE A. F. OF L. OR THE I. S. U., WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY BUILT ON THE PRINCIPLE OF CLASS STRUGGLE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WORKERS' CONDITIONS AND FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF LABOR FROM THE RULE OF THE BANKERS AND EMPLOYERS!

The seamen should not allow themselves to be stampeded into any action which would break the unity of the maritime workers, particularly when the shipowners are hoping to utilize this moment to carry through their long-cherished plan to wreck the maritime unions. The seamen should work out a program of action, in consultation with all the other maritime unions of the Federation, on how to meet the situation, as soon as the Pacific Coast delegates return from the I. S. U. convention and render a complete report.

Maintain Unity

All workers, all trade unions, all those who sympathize with labor's struggles, must rally to the support of the maritime unions and defeat the attacks of the shipowners. Do not be misled by the "red scare" by the cry of the Hearsts and the employers about "irresponsible unions", which is the usual trick to hide the real issues.

Support the demand of the maritime unions for a public Congressional investigation of the employers' conspiracy! Pass resolutions and send letters to the Senators and Congressmen from California, and to the Department of Labor! Every union should demand of their Central Labor Council, and the State Federation of Labor officials, to put into effect the decisions of the last convention of the State Federation of Labor against vigilantism, and for the formation of a Committee of One Thousand to protect the trade unions against the employers and their fascist vigilante gangs! Build the united front of all foes of reaction to defeat the shipowners' attack!

## Probe of Shipowners' Plot Urged By Unions

### PREPARING TO LOOSE TERROR AND VIOLENCE

Official Statement Issued by the  
Maritime Federation of  
The Pacific Coast

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA DISTRICT  
COUNCIL NO. 2

Unless the United States Government intervenes there will be launched on the Pacific Coast within a month a struggle which will inevitably achieve the proportions of civil war.

This situation will result from the attempt of shippers and waterfront employers to repudiate all existing agreements with the maritime unions, to withdraw recognition from them and to institute open-shop conditions which will be maintained by force and coercion.

### LENIN MEETING TURNED INTO A DEFENSE SQUAD

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—

Approximately 750 people turned out for the Lenin Memorial meeting held at Mission-Turner Hall here last night.

A highlight of the meeting was a march by the entire audience to 121 Haight street, headquarters of the Communist Party, where two thugs had forced the guard at the point of a gun, to open the door, had slugged him and had started to ransack the building.

Upon receipt of the news of the raid Lawrence Ross, one of the main speakers at the meeting, jumped to the stage and called for a defense committee. The audience responded in a body.

When the crowd arrived at 121 Haight street the thugs already had fled. A rally then was held in the auditorium at the headquarters. The guard said one of the thugs was dressed in a chafeur's uniform.

The collection, half of which will go to the Western Worker sustaining fund drive, amounted to \$67.50. Ben Dobbs and Annie Whitney were the other speakers.

### Vancouver Relief I. Tinky, Demands Lie

VANCOUVER, Wash.—(EP). A man who has invested his life savings in a little cottage can get no relief, even if his family is starving, unless he gives a lien on the property, county officials at Vancouver have ruled.

### CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION DEEMED URGENT

Waterfront Infested  
With G-Men As  
Attack Looms

I.S.U. Convention Act  
Seen As Aid to  
Employers

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—A demand for a complete Congressional investigation into the nation-wide conspiracy of the waterfront employers, shippers and allied financial interests to wipe out the maritime unions of the Pacific Coast, was made last night in an official letter to President Roosevelt and Congressmen and the Secretary of Labor by District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast.

PLANS EXPOSED  
The demand for an investigation of the Fascist plans of the shipowners has been raised by the Council as a result of a survey of the maritime situation along not only the Pacific Coast but along the Gulf and Eastern ports.

Step by step the employers have carried out their plans to smash the maritime unions, which were laid in a meeting December 9th and were carefully hidden.

LOCK-OUT  
It was with this plan in operation that the operators seized the opportunity to lay up the teamschooners when the Sailors refused to work cargo more than six hours a day. The union-smashing plan calls for the eviction of seamen and longshoremen from their jobs ostensibly because of "exorbitant" demands of the unions. Their failure to recruit the Department of Labor in the fight did not deter the shipowners. On the contrary Elisha Hanson in demanding the intervention of the Department of Justice speaking for the operators stated that a "coastwise vigilante organization" had been organized.

G-MEN  
Although the Department of Justice has not yet acceded to the demands of the shipowners, nevertheless the San Francisco waterfront is swarming with secret service men. A fact which is verified by the Jan. 23rd edition of the News.

CONVENTION  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—Another move in the nation-wide plot to smash the powerful West Coast maritime unions was unfolded at the International Seamen's Union convention here when Gus Brown, reactionary business agent of the New York Sailors' Branch introduced a resolution demanding that the Pacific Coast district unions sever relationship with the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast.

Outvoted by hand-picked delegates (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

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# San Diego Labor Leader Replies to Dictatorship of Green

## UNANIMOUSLY RE-INSTATED BY HIS UNION

STEINMETZ ISSUES STRONG STATEMENT TO THE LOCAL PRESS

### Green Dictatorship VICTORY OF PROGRESSIVES OVER REACTIONARIES CAUSED RIFT

(Continued from Page 1) metz reported he had been unable to reach an agreement with Casey. "He is emphatic—he will not seat me, nor will he seat Mrs. Worcester."

When it was pointed out his procedure is illegal under the constitution of the A. F. of L. Casey shouted:

**Little Hitler**  
"The constitution be damned. I was sent here with authority from Green to act. I have no jurisdiction over the locals' election of delegates but I bar anyone who does not suit me—if it takes all Summer. I don't care if there are only seven unions left. I am going to control the Council. I, personally, can make charges. My charges against you are that you used the word 'indecent' to me. Eighty-five per cent of the locals in San Diego are against the American Federation of Labor."

Attorney Beard was asked to speak and confirmed all that had been reported. A. C. Rogers told of advances made in San Diego under the progressive leadership. In 1933, he pointed out, thirty delegates represented a large meeting. "Today we have 110," he said. He also pointed out that he had been elected to the secretaryship twice, once by ballot, once by acclamation, both unanimous. He declared the issue of removing the progressive leadership is purely political.

Steinmetz, a war veteran and associate professor of psychology at State College has been under heavy attack from the Chamber of Commerce, utility corporations and Republican interests. He proposed a progressive caucus, the motion carried unanimously and John Lydick was elected chairman. A motion was made and passed unanimously that the body protest Casey's actions to the A. F. of L. Executive Board. The meeting was adjourned, subject to recall by the secretary.

The unconstitutionality of barring any delegate from the Council without charge, trial and conviction is set forth specifically in Article II, Section 8 of the A. F. of L. Constitution, which declares:

"No central body or department affiliated with the A. F. of L. shall reject credentials presented by a duly elected or appointed delegation of a local union having affiliation with the A. F. of L.; provided however that upon written charges signed by at least three delegates, any delegate or an affiliated Union may, upon conviction after fair trial, be expelled or suspended..."

## EMPLOYERS IN PLOT TO BREAK MARINE UNIONS

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gates from the Great Lakes, Eastern and Gulf ports, the West Coast representatives managed to check this demand to sever relationship with the body that has been so instrumental in gaining the seamen better conditions and wages, by tacking on an amendment.

The amendment which carried calls for the Pacific unions to sever relationship voluntarily until such time as the Federation constitution conforms with that of the International Seamen's Union and the American Federation of Labor.

It was on this basis that the reactionaries brought in their original resolution. The Olander-Scharrenberg group claim that Article 9 of the Federation which allows full democratic action in calling or ending strikes is in conflict with Article 18 of the ISU Constitution.

(See Front-Page Editorial.)

## Operators In Row Over Bargemen's Hot Cargo Clause

COMPANY FILES SUIT IN COURT TO NULLIFY AGREEMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Freighters Incorporated, a boat and barge company operating on San Francisco Bay and tributaries, has filed suit against the River Lines Company for \$450,000 damage, claiming that an agreement entered into between that company and the Bargemen's Union, Locals 38-101 and 38-102, is a conspiracy whereby the control and determination of traffic is placed in the hands of the officials of the Bargemen's Union.

Freighters Incorporated claim that as a result of carrying hot cargo, a strike was called by the deckhands who are all members of the Bargemen's Union.

The truth of the matter is that strike was pulled on all companies in this branch of the transportation industry for the purpose of gaining higher wages, shorter hours and other improvements in working conditions. This strike lasted ninety-four days.

Eighteen of the companies eventually signed agreements satisfactory to the Bargemen, all of these agreements contained the hot cargo clause as follows:

"However, it is further agreed that in the event that the employees refuse to work in, on or about any docks, piers, vessels or cargo which have been declared unfair by any maritime organization or where any maritime organization has established a picket line, such refusal by any employee to work shall not constitute a violation of this agreement."

One company, however, remained tied up. This was the Freighters Inc., who insisted on going into arbitration with the Bargemen on the question of hours and wages, but they also reserved the right not to operate under the arbitration award if it compelled them to pay the same as the other companies.

The Freighters Inc. are still tied up for several reasons. One is that they have never been able to offer serious competition to the River Lines because of their obsolete and inefficient equipment, therefore, they refuse to sign agreements with the Bargemen, thinking in this that they could gain the favor of the Industrial Association and the big shippers and thus capture some of the trade of those companies already signed up with the Union.

Another reason worthy of mention is the fact that the Freighters Inc. consists of a number of small individual boat owners who have been organized into a corporation. Naturally these small fry who were inveigled into pooling their equipment into the merger cannot remain idle long due to their limited financial resources, therefore, the longer the organizers of this merger can keep the company from operating, the sooner they can freeze out the small owners and grab everything for themselves.

## S. F. Medical Bureau Is Cut in Two Again

SAN FRANCISCO.—(FT)—Ordered by the state relief administration to cut personnel from 77 to 50, and with its monthly budget slashed from \$14,000 to \$8,000, the County Medical Bureau which provides medical treatment for relief clients may have to close down entirely. The staff was cut from its original 100 to 77 in December. The work has been of inestimable value in caring for sick and injured persons on relief and their families.

## LABOR COUNCIL IN EAST BAY HITS C.S. LAW

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Union's request for the Council to endorse their demand for an A. F. of L. charter was tabled for two weeks after a hot debate.

The Moulders' Union reported a victory over the Enterprise Foundry Co. After an eleven-year fight a closed shop agreement has been wrung from the company's shops. In the East Bay alone this meant the bringing in of 210 new members.

## Huge Increase In Relief Rolls

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—Unemployment "relief" for workers on WPA and Los Angeles County Relief Administration, cost approximately \$7,500,000 during the month of December, figures released today showed.

WPA expenditures in December were \$4,344,484 for 53,000 workers; LACRA spent \$3,151,218 for 72,000 workers.

This figure was an increase of \$2,700,000 over last July; workers on the rolls increased from 102,140 to 125,000.

## GERMANY HOWLS FOR COLONIES

### Japanese Parliament Is Dissolved by Premier

(Continued from Page 1) African war. Though he averted collapse of his cabinet immediately after the crisis which resulted when the plan was revealed, he only succeeded in gaining a vote of confidence by a very small margin. Since that time, support has been rapidly melting away from him. Continued negotiations of a less brazen nature, but along the same lines as the previous proposal, have served to put the finishing touches on his collapse.

### NAZI DRIVE

BERLIN, Jan. 22.—Observing Italy to be in a tight spot, with rising unrest within her borders and disaster overtaking her foreign legions, Germany has seized upon the opportunity to renew her propaganda drive in Austria. Hundreds of thousands of leaflets were scattered through Austria openly undermining the government of Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg who was just returning to Vienna from Prague where he had been undertaking to ally Czechoslovakia with Austria. These leaflets were reprinted prominently in all German papers by orders of the Nazi propaganda bureau.

Economic conditions within Germany have reached a state of almost unprecedented desperation. To cope with the rising tide of discontent, the Nazi propaganda machine has been working day and night stirring up a popular clamor for return of Germany's colonies.

### JAPAN PARLIAMENT

TOKYO, Japan, Jan. 21.—Premier Okada dissolved the entire Japanese parliament today and called for new elections on Feb. 20. The action was taken after the powerful Seiyukai Party, which has a majority in parliament, introduced a resolution of non-confidence in the body.

Although it is alleged by government spokesmen that this concerns domestic matters only and has no bearing on foreign affairs, it is to be considered that the Seiyukai Party represents the most reactionary interests and is closest to the core of Japanese Imperialism. Wide-spread discontent within the borders of Japan has created alarm among certain sections of the owner class. Through what representation they control in parliament, they have been manifesting an attitude not sufficiently in accord with the imperialist plans of conquest of the major interests. It is believed by observers that this is the explanation of the "non-confidence" of the Seiyukai.

## Increase in USSR Budget Indicates General Prosperity

MOSCOW.—The budget submitted by Comrade Glinko to the Central Executive Committee of the Soviet Union for 1936 calls for expenditures of 78,500,000,000 rubles, against 63,900,000,000 rubles last year. The plan for 1935 was overfulfilled, and a favorable balance of 700,000,000 rubles was recorded.

The increase in the budget for this year indicates the general increase in the prosperity of the country. The 1936 plan calls for an increase in industrial production of 23 per cent, agriculture 24 per cent, and retail sales 23 per cent. This latter increase is expected even though prices are dropping rapidly, as shown by a cut in the cost of flour at the beginning of this year, the second such cut in three months.

## DO THIS NOW!

Help Free the Victims of the Fascist Criminal Syndicalism Act—Clip This Letter and Mail Immediately to:

Frank C. Sykes, Chairman  
State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles,  
Kohl Building,  
San Francisco, Calif.

The young men and women convicted at Sacramento last year under the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Act will have served their minimum sentences of one year on February 27, 1936.

The law under which they were convicted has been condemned as anti-labor and un-American by the California Federation of Labor, hundreds of progressive and radical organizations and by hundreds of thousands of Californians.

The Criminal Syndicalism prisoners have already served seventeen months in jails and prisons because they organized the underpaid agricultural workers of the state and led them in successful strikes.

Their conviction and imprisonment has been condemned not only by working class publications but among others by the San Francisco News, which declared in its editorial columns Friday, January 17, 1936:—

"The whole case was a scandalous abuse of judicial process to suppress agitation for better wages and conditions among migratory workers, in which the defendants had been active and successful. The News condemned it at the time, and now urges that the Parole Board redress the injustice by fixing sentences at the minimum, which is one year."

The undersigned demands that you set the minimum sentence when the Board meets early in February and release from prison immediately the men and women who are in prison solely because they helped improve the living conditions of thousands of California workers.

Signed:.....

## MARITIME FEDERATION ISSUES STATEMENT ON CONSPIRACY OF WATERFRONT EMPLOYERS' ASS'N

(Continued from Page 1) set out their complete plan in a resolution, the few copies of which have been guarded jealously.

The date for the opening of the attack has been postponed time and again because certain shipowners with integrity are unable to bring themselves to participate in the affair. The utmost pressure is being brought on these men, however, to force them to join forces with the less ethical majority.

### WASHINGTON AGENT

In preparation for the attack, Elisha Hanson, attorney for ship operators in Washington, has for weeks been demanding that the Department of Labor and the Department of Justice prosecute the Maritime Federation of the Pacific for "illegal conspiracy" in restraint of trade.

While Pacific Coast newspapers have at all times remained silent, the Atlantic Coast press has presented evidence of collusion between shipowners.

### EASTERN PRESS

Louis Stark, labor editor of the New York Times, said in a by-line story on December 31, 1935:

"... Employers on the Pacific Coast virtually have completed a coastwide vigilante organization to protect their interests in the event that they find themselves unable to obtain redress from the government. . . . The Pacific Coast owners are said to be in constant contact with the Atlantic operators, and it is probable that a meeting of both groups will be held in San Francisco."

That meeting was held on Jan. 7. A committee of three Eastern steamship executives was in San Francisco at the time.

The New York Times telephoned Harry Bridges, Federation district president, asking for comment on the coming lock-out. One prominent eastern ship operator warned a West Coast maritime union official what was planned.

### PROMISED AID

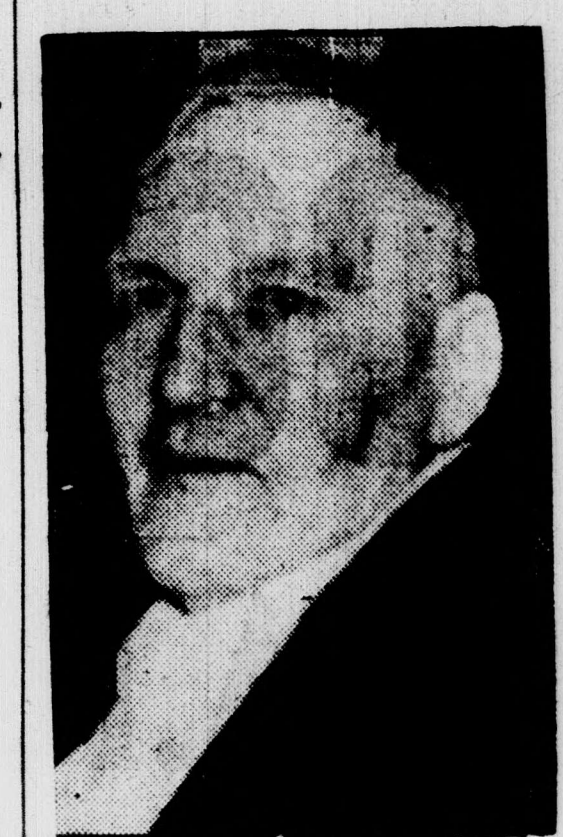
The shipowners have sought and been promised the aid of Industrial Associations, Chambers of Commerce and other such organizations all over the coast. Every conceivable agency that can be used to them will be employed.

Early in September, the Industrial Association of San Francisco called a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce. Executives of all the larger industries attended, including publishers of San Francisco newspapers and executives of the press associations. The story of that meeting was set in type at two papers and sent out by the Associated Press. When the mistake was discovered, the Associated Press sent out a mandatory order to "kill."

### FOREIGN LINES

Foreign shipping lines have been offered full compensation for any losses suffered during the lock-out, solely as an inducement to cooperate until the unions are broken.

## PERJURER!



William Malin Hanks, notorious labor spy whose perjured testimony helped send the C. S. victims to the penitentiary. Complete history of this infamous character and his activities is told in the pamphlet, "THE C. S. CASE AGAINST LABOR."

## C.S. PRISONERS DENIED APPEAL TO SET BAIL

(Continued from Page 1) own defense, the difficulty of passing this bulky material from hand to hand and preparing appeals in prison is a severe handicap.

The California State Conference for Repeal of the C. S. Act, a united front participated in by nearly 200 unions and organizations, has issued a call for an intensive drive of letters to the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles, demanding that they fix a minimum sentence for the C. S. prisoners.

### STATE CONFERENCE

A state-wide conference has been called for April 5th in Sacramento. Meanwhile, local mass meetings of the defense movement have been announced in many parts of the state.

A mass meeting will be held here on Feb. 5th, at 8 p. m. in the Building Trades Temple, 14th and Guerrero sts. Lorene Norman, one of those convicted who was released from Tehachapi prison owing to the birth of a child, will be one of the speakers. Others will be, Paul A. Richie, Epic-Democratic leader; George Woolf, president of the I.L.A. Ship Scalers' Union; William Sanders, chairman of the C. S. Conference; and Pat Lydon, member of the Contra Costa Central Labor Council.

A meeting will also be held at Carpenters' Hall in Oakland on February 9th. In Los Angeles, a mass meeting is planned for February 15th.

according to the operators' own estimates. With all the above expenses met with mail contract pay, the operators have left only the expenses of fuel, in cidentals and overhead to meet out of cargo and passenger revenues. Their losses would be slight if they never carried a single ounce of freight or a single passenger. Their profits, which they carefully conceal, must be tremendous.

4. When shipowners say they would be "willing to keep agreements with responsible unions," they mean they like to deal only with unions controlled by themselves. They cannot control democratic unions, they admit; it is a logical deduction that they are able to control autocratic unions.

In closing, we quote from the preliminary report of the Special Committee of the Senate of the United States to Investigate Air Mail and Ocean Mail Contracts (Report No. 898 Senate, 74th Congress, 1st Session):

"The Subsidy does not always reach its intended beneficiary."

"While the clamor has always been made that our marine subsidy would provide funds for the payment to American Seamen of wages set at a proper level, and substantially in excess of foreign wages, in many instances the proper wage scale has been cut and money transmitted to mail contractors in constructive trust for American seamen has been diverted by the contractors to their own private profits for exorbitant salaries and

## SAN DIEGO LABOR LEADER IN REPLY TO ATTACK BY GREEN

Strength of Progressives in Council Was Reason for Green's High-Handed Move

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 22.—Harry C. Steinmetz, progressive president of the Federated Trades and Labor Council here, who was recently removed from office by a dictatorial edict of President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, was re-elected president of his union last Saturday by a unanimous vote.

Steinmetz was forced out of office when Joseph Casey, acting as special emissary of "His Majesty" William Green, dissolved the entire Labor Council on the technical charge that San Diego unions had been allowed a minimum of five delegates whereas the A. F. of L. constitution calls for a minimum of two delegates.

**REAL REASON**  
The real reason behind this action, which neither Green nor Casey attempted to disguise, was that reactionary officials in San Diego labor circles had been defeated by progressives who were now a majority in the council. American Legion heads complained of alleged "communistic influence" and demanded an investigation.

Steinmetz' union is the Teachers' Federation of San Diego and Imperial Counties. He was also re-elected as delegate to the Labor Council.

**DICTATOR REPUDIATED**  
Last week Carl Barnes, whom Casey temporarily appointed head of the Labor Council was repudiated by his own union, Carpenters' Local 1298, and thus stripped of all authority to act in such a post. Steinmetz has issued a statement on the whole affair which was printed in the San Diego Sun. A reprint of the entire document, as printed in that paper follows:

**STEINMETZ' STATEMENT**  
Editor, The Sun: On a technicality, Brother Joseph Casey, Pacific Coast organizer of the American Federation of Labor, armed with a 74-day old letter from President Green, advising him to investigate fully, suddenly last Wednesday night, Jan. 15, without consulting officers of the San Diego County Labor Council, dissolved that elected body without semblance of democratic procedure.

The overwhelming majority that elected me president has not as yet questioned Brother Casey's authority to proceed as he has done but they bitterly resent his methods and will not forget them. If he had consulted the minutes of the council or the executive committee, he would have learned that we recently became aware of our 20-year deviation from A. F. of L. regulations governing representation and had referred the matter to our by-laws committee, chaired by Vice Pres. Walter Stutz, for appropriate plans of reformation.

The present illegal system of representation was instituted several years ago under the reign of Otto C. Heitman, Ed Dowd and Stanley Gue. The last two, who invited the disruption, are still members of the council and could at any time have secured authority for effecting immediate change. The majority is not opposed to any fair system of representation for it would remain the same; a good proof would be referendum vote of every union member in San Diego, which I believe would be a good idea.

Of course the technicality covers deep differences, very wide in their scope. There is a cleavage between the conservative minority, who face the past, and the progressive majority, who fearlessly face present problems. More objectionable terms are used on both sides, but that is foolish.

Within the short term of the progressives the unions have grown new unions have been formed union wage scales have been increased.

**DEFENSE FIGHT**  
The intended victim, however, had company and when the beef squad arrived a fierce encounter took place. Riley was hurt and died shortly after.

This sudden revival of the murder warrant is purely provocative in view of the knowledge that Bob North, leader of the beef squad and one of the instigators of the warrant is himself awaiting trial as the result of an attack by him and his gang upon Dutch Dietrich, business agent of ILA 38-79 last September.

**REIGN OF TERROR**  
Prior to this assault North and his henchmen had instituted a reign of terror in San Pedro, roaming the streets and attacking militant members of the marine unions.

Smallman, one of those named on the murder warrant, had been dumped no less than three times by this same gang. Harry Davis, another victim of this same mob, was severely attacked on numerous occasions and although the local authorities knew who was doing this, no action was taken to apprehend the beef squad.

**EXPULSION**  
Subsequently the membership of marine unions, aroused by the vigilante activities of this gang, expelled them from their ranks.

unearned bonuses. This practice and result is wholly indefensible."

This Statement authorized by San Francisco Bay Area District Council No. 2 on January 14th, 1936.

Issued by:  
Harry Bridges, President.  
Mervyn Rathborne, Secretary.



## FOREIGN NEWS Briefs

### No Fruit for Nazis Siberian Gold Mines Hitler Offended Colombia Strike Soviet Armed Force

GERMANY.—Something of the internal conditions of Germany are revealed by the statement from the U. S. Department of Agriculture that the Nazis will drastically curtail imports of American fruit during the 1935-1936 season.

Reasons for the import barriers against fruit, as listed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics are a continued shortage of foreign exchange with which to buy luxury products, desire to reduce foreign competition with domestic fruit growers, the policy of buying as much as possible from countries with clearing agreements, and "a continued decline of the purchasing power of German consumers."

This season 426,000 bushels of apples and 13,000 bushels of pears are expected to go to Germany from the U. S. as compared with 639,000 bushels of apples and 17,000 bushels of pears shipped a year ago. In 1933-34 Germany imported 3,661,000 bushels of apples and 112,000 bushels of pears from America.

MOSCOW.—(FP)—With leading gold mines far exceeding their 1935 production quotas, the Soviet Union looks forward to becoming the leading gold-producing state of the world.

Although Siberian gold fields are scattered over a vast area and frequently located 400 to 600 miles from a railway, mining communities are nevertheless forging ahead in point of comfort. For example, Udil in the Siberian forests, 400 miles from Khabarovsk, now has its talking picture. Schools are springing up, and on the lower reaches of the Amur river a rest home for 100 workers in the gold industry is being completed.

MUNICH, Germany.—A farmer named Alois Strickner of Tirschenreuth, North Bavaria, has been sentenced to sixteen months imprisonment for making uncomplimentary remarks about Herr Hitler. A special court at Nuremberg found him "guilty of hateful remarks concerning our Fuehrer." Before the same court a young couple from Kelheim, North Bavaria, were accused of having "advanced untrue opinions." Johann Schueggen, the young man, received four months' imprisonment and the girl, Marie Hacker, was sentenced to six months for "adding stubborn denial to her crime."

BOGOTA, Colombia.—Two hundred soldiers were called out when 600 workers on the Pacific Railway demonstrated after the arrest of several Communists for distributing leaflets in support of textile strikers in Medellin. The strike is expected to spread to other mills and to include municipal workers.

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia.—The police here have arrested Joseph Daubner, accused of plotting to kidnap and abduct Professor Lessing. The plot failed, and Professor Lessing was murdered by Nazis two days later. Documents found on Daubner showed he had been paid 200 marks for his part in the abduction plot.

MOSCOW.—The Soviet army has been increased to 1,300,000 men to combat the danger of an invasion by Japan and Germany, according to a speech by Marshal Tukhachevsky at the congress of the Central Executive Committee here. The army has been concentrated mostly on the frontier posts where an invasion might occur. The Soviet Union is well prepared to meet the danger presented by the military programs being carried out by Japan, Germany, Poland and Finland.

FRANKFURT-AM-MAIN, Germany.—A young priest has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for warning girls of the dangers involved in the Nazi female labor service. He refused to induce sources of his information that many girls serving in these organizations returned home expectant mothers.

WANTED—Pictures, etc. of agricultural fields, strike scenes, etc. C. S. Conference, 68 Haight st. Underhill 9173.

## DR. HARRY F. WARD TO SPEAK IN S. F. SOON

NEXT TALK SCHEDULED  
FOR SANTA BARBARA

Dr. Harry F. Ward, national chairman of the American League Against War and Fascism will next speak in Santa Barbara on his California lecture tour.

He will speak at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Anapamu and Garden streets, on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 8 p. m. Topic will be "Defend the Constitution." A full report will be given on the Third Annual Congress of the American League Against War and Fascism.

Dr. Ward will speak at Jenny Lind Hall in Oakland, Jan. 30, on "Defending Constitutional Liberty." Bert Leech will report on the National Congress just closed at Cleveland, and special attention will be paid to analysis of the Oakland Disaster Ordinance and its menace to labor.

This mass meeting will round off a League campaign to rescind or amend the new ordinance.

Dr. Ward's itinerary follows:

Los Angeles, Jan. 28.  
Santa Barbara, Jan. 29, at Methodist Church.  
Oakland, Jan. 30, at Jenny Lind Hall.  
San Francisco, Jan. 31, at Native Sons' Hall.

His San Francisco lecture will be given under the auspices of the American Civil Liberties Union. He will also give a broadcast talk at the Commonwealth Club luncheon in the Palace Hotel.

## WPA Physician In Conspiracy Against Worker

FIND MILITANTS UNFIT IN  
WEEDING OUT PROCESS

The WPA may be an excellent idea, but—? Before I had had sufficient physiotherapy treatments for injury which occurred on a county job at Griffith Park, I was given a work order by the WPA. Rather than lose the chance for a job and some money which my family badly needed, I went to work in a poor physical condition.

When I reported for work to the engineer on the job, Mr. McVey, I was given the job of checking tools. I had to walk about four miles a day with my injured spine not yet cured. Around the 19th of November one of the foremen, a Mr. Brogan, picked a petty argument with me.

After this I was told by one of the other foremen that Mr. Brogan told Mr. McVey of the argument between him and me and that Mr. McVey said that he couldn't fire me for that, but that the doctors would soon be on the job and there would be a natural weeding out!

On the 12th of December I and twelve other WPA workers were late because of a failure of the bus service. We didn't want to lose the day, so we reported and checked in at the main WPA office at Project 524.

When I returned to the job, on the 13th, Mr. McVey told me I had to take a pick and shovel job and go to work—which I did. On the 27th I was examined by the WPA doctors on the job. I saw Mr. McVey talking with the doctors and pointing me out. The doctors' report was that I had "heart failure."

I was disqualified then for "reasons of physical disability." My chart at the General Hospital showed that there was absolutely nothing wrong with my heart or anything else internal. Nevertheless, they laid me off.

When I put up a fight for re-employment, the officials sent me from office to office. Miss Handley at the WPA office sent me to Dr. Lewis, a WPA man. After he looked over the chart from the doctor's examination on the job, he sounded my heart and sent me back to Miss Handley with a report to put me on light labor work. And I HAVE NOT HEARD A SINGLE WORD SINCE!

## Carpenters On Strike For Better Salaries

NEW ORLEANS.—(FP)—Carpenters are on strike on the new \$350,000 structure of Swift & Co. The union claims the company is paying non-union carpenters 60c an hour, while the union scale is 75 cents.

## Re-Register!

All workers are reminded that every voter in the state must re-register by March 26, 1936, in order to vote in the presidential primaries, on May 5th.

Communist Party members and sympathizers are urged to register immediately.

Even if you have voted in the state for forty years and have lived twenty years in the same house, your name has to go on the books again if you wish to declare your choice of nominees for president.

## DIST. COUNCIL VOTES TO ADMIT HAWAII DOCKERS

RELIEF KITCHEN SET UP  
TO FEED UNEMPLOYED

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—The membership applications of the Ship Joiners and Boatbuilders' Local 1149 and the Sheet Metal Workers' Local No. 104 into the District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation were approved subject to the adoption of the Council constitution and payment of organization fees.

The Council has also established a relief kitchen to take care of the many unemployed maritime workers. The Seafarers' former strike kitchen at 22 South Park has been taken over by the Council and all Federation members unemployed are eligible for relief without qualification.

A resolution submitted by Sailors' delegate urging the immediate acceptance of the Honolulu Longshoremen into the Federation under their present name and status pending the granting of an IILA charter, was adopted by the Council.

## War Program Gains Under Roosevelt's Administration

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—Roosevelt's war program took a big jump here today with announcement by the Navy Department of the purchase of 114 new low-wing monoplane torpedo-bombers from the Douglas Aircraft Company of Santa Monica.

Production will start at once on this huge order.

Production will also start this week in the new \$500,000 plant of the American Aviation Corporation, affiliate of General Motors, at the Municipal Airport on 100 training planes for the army.

Additions are to be made later to the factory, and other types of army ships will be built, it was announced.

Commercial planes, capable of being transformed into military and naval planes for war-time use, are also being made by the airplane factories of Southern California in large quantities.

WANTED—Pictures, etc. of agricultural fields, strike scenes, etc. C. S. Conference, 68 Haight st. Underhill 9173.

# New Perjured Evidence Brought Into Scottsboro Trial; Faked Confession

DEMONSTRATION  
CALLED FOR  
JAN. 26

DECATUR, Ala., Jan. 22.—Trial of Heywood Patterson, one of the nine Scottsboro boys, opened yesterday with the introduction of an alleged confession of guilt.

Proceeding along the traditional path of perjury over which Sacco and Vanzetti, Mooney and the Sacramento C. S. victims were railroaded, the prosecutors placed Opie Golden, a guard from Kilby prison on the stand, and had him testify that in November, 1934, Heywood Patterson had told him in conversation that he and the other boys were guilty of attacking Mrs. Victoria Price.

NEVER REPORTED

The defense brought out in cross-examination that the guard failed to make any report of the matter at the time and that no incident either before or after the alleged "confession" could possibly substantiate such a brazen lie.

Victoria Price also testified, repeating her wild tale of horror with many additional thrills and sidelights.

GIRL DENIES

Ruby Bates, the other girl involved in the alleged attack, has already repudiated the charges of the prosecution and declared the whole Scottsboro case to be a frame-up.

"SCOTTSBORO DAY"

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Mass meetings in every section of the country will occur on January 26 which has been designated as "Scottsboro Day" by the Scottsboro Defense Committee.

The organizations comprising this united front committee include: the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, the Church League for Industrial Democracy (Episcopal), the American Civil Liberties Union, the League for Industrial Democracy, the International Labor Defense, and the Methodist Federation for Social Service.

## Scottsboro Lawyers

NEW YORK.—(FP)—C. L. Watts of Huntsville, Ala., and former County Solicitor George W. Chamblee of Chattanooga, both prominent Southern lawyers, will assist Samuel Leibowitz of New York in the defense of the nine Scottsboro boys, whose trial at Decatur, Ala., is slated to open Jan. 20. Noted liberals and churchmen of the Mason and Dixon territory have lent their support to the newly-formed joint Scottsboro Defense Committee, it has been announced in New York.

## FIVE YEARS OF STRUGGLE



Five years of determined struggle by working class and liberal organizations has prevented the Alabama lynch courts from sending these nine boys to the electric chair for a crime of which the whole world knows them to be innocent. Today the fight to free the Scottsboro boys is in a crucial stage. Only an increased drive of mass demonstrations and protests can save them in the present emergency. January 26th has been designated "Scottsboro Day" and will see demonstrations and meetings in every part of the country.

## BIG BOYS PAY TAXES, GET THEM RIGHT BACK IN THE NEXT MAIL

Refunds Dished Out to the Faithful  
In Large Quantities

## Astoria Shipping Is Tied Up By Pickets

ASTORIA, Ore.—(FP)—Loading of the freighter Kosie Maru came to a standstill when longshoremen refused to pass through picket lines established by lumber workers at Wauna. The ship, loading 300,000 feet of lumber from the Crossett Western Lumber Co., locked out its workers when they demanded wage provisions of the agreement signed after last spring's strike be kept.

## Laundry Workers Are Recognized As Union

DULUTH, Minn.—(FP)—The Laundry Workers & Dyers' Union has been recognized by the Duluth Linen Supply Co., thus ending a hard-fought strike which began Aug. 26 last. The so-called Duluth Citizens Alliance backed the company to the limit.

The United States treasury handed \$56,122,153 back to taxpayers in the last fiscal year, according to reports submitted to Congress by the Internal Revenue Bureau and made public by the House expenditures committee.

It showed that the money was repaid to 147,436 companies and persons from whom the government had collected taxes.

Refunds were topped by a little gift of \$3,366,666 for Swift and Company, Chicago packers.

Refunds cover processing, capital stock, distilled spirits, estate, income, narcotics, sales, silver and tobacco taxes.

Over \$11,000 was handed back to Ogden L. Mills, secretary of the treasury under Hoover, Hoover's secretary of commerce, Roy D. Chapin, got \$7306; Newton D. Baker, obscure Cleveland citizen, drew \$4603, while that great lover of America, J. Pierpont Morgan pocketed \$1989.

But you needn't expect to get any of your taxes back.

Seas, and other motion pictures emphasizing geographical atmosphere, is now in India filming Rudyard Kipling's KIM, one of the most vicious apologies for the chauvinistic and imperialistic policy of British Colonization that has ever been written.

When Kipling was not brain-trusting for British Imperialism he was capable of good creative writing. Some of his books for children were delightful. Many are the class conscious workers whose first conception of jungle life (as opposed to life in the Capitalistic jungle) was formed from reading the adventures of Mowgli, the human foundingling who learned the language of the animals. The Soviet Union has recently selected the "Jungle Book" to be translated and published at Moscow for Soviet children.

On one occasion Kipling ventured to treat England's expansion policy with a touch of realism. The lines quoted below are said to have cost him the poet laureateship.

"Walk wide of the Widow at Windsor,

For 'alf o' Creation she owns; We 'ave bought 'er the same with the Sword an' the Flame, An' we've salted it down with our bones."

## SHARON STEEL MERGES WITH PITTSBURGH CO.

NEW COMBINE FORMED TO  
AID FINANCING

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Jan. 10.—Merger of the Sharon Steel Hoop Company and the Pittsburgh Steel Company took place when an officer of Sharon Steel confirmed a report of the purchase of a block of Pittsburgh Steel common and preferred shares by the company.

Sharon Steel produces flat-rolled steel exclusively. Pittsburgh Steel manufactures seamless pipe and wire products.

Henry A. Roemer is chairman and president of Sharon Steel, and it is believed that he will head the consolidated company.

Last year Sharon Steel realized a net profit of more than \$900,000, making around \$2.40 on each of the 370,000 common shares outstanding.

## ENORMOUS ARMY TO BE RALLIED IN PHILIPPINES

PURPOSE IS TO SUPPRESS  
REVOLUTIONS

MANILA, P. I., Jan. 21.—The new "constitutional government" has announced its intention of building an army of 600,000 men, complete mobilization to be effected within ten years. There are already 30,000 men under arms in the Archipelago's constabulary.

The idea for building this army was sponsored by Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur of the U. S. Army and its purpose is openly acknowledged to be prevention of a revolution in the islands.

The extent of unrest in the Philippines and dissatisfaction with the new "constitutional government" can be somewhat estimated from the proposed strength of this army. The plan would give the Philippines, which have about one-tenth the population of the U. S. A., an army several times that of American armed forces.

## LIBERAL PAPER BANNED FROM L.A.

JUDGE PALMER'S SHEET  
IS BANNED

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—The Hollywood-Citizen News, liberal newspaper owned by Judge Harlan Palmer, has been barred from representation in the City Hall press room!

By majority vote of Councilmen Baumgartner, Brainerd, Buyer, MacMister, Tate, Wilson and Burns, this attack on freedom of the press was rammed through the City Council recently.

Baumgartner was endorsed by the "End Poverty League" in last spring's elections as a "liberal," although he is not an Epic.

This again reveals the urgent necessity for a united front in the political field here, to elect councilmen representing the workers and middle class people of Los Angeles.

## Dirty Willie Dealt Blow!

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—Workers in the neighborhood of Fletcher Drive and Riverside Drive have dealt "Dirty Willie" Hearst a mighty blow.

Before the Hearst boycott actively started last August, the newsboy on the corner was selling 550 copies of the Los Angeles Examiner every day.

Soon his bundle order dropped to 300 a day, then to 75 copies a day—and then he quit the job.

## Administration Spends Huge Sum On War Program

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—Work on the U. S. Army \$1,300,000 airplane contract began here today at the newly-completed Municipal Airport factory of North American Aviation, Inc., a subsidiary of the gigantic General Motors Corporation.

As part of the war program of the Roosevelt administration, 200 training planes will be built for the army under this contract. This million-dollar factory is employing 200 to 300 workers at present, but the plant will engage more than 1500 workers when it goes into full production capacity, officials of North American Aviation, Inc., stated today.

## EAST OF THE Rockies

### Company Union Loses Minimum Wage Denied Deportation Fought Packers Get Gift Marxism Defended Food Prices Go Up

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—Results of an election held by the National Mediation Board among employees of the Duluth, Missabo and Northern Railway, at the request of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, show 81 of the 111 votes cast were for representation by the Brotherhood. Accordingly the Brotherhood has been designated as the official agent of the employees.

CLEVELAND.—(FP)—\$14.00 a week is an "unreasonably high wage to women workers."

So asserted Agnes B. Dickinson, dry cleaning plant employee and allegedly a company stooge, in a suit against Ohio's minimum wage law.

So echoed Federal Judge Robert R. Nevins of Cincinnati, granting a temporary injunction against the law.

Accustomed to a \$9-a-week wage, the woman worker claimed that the minimum wage was "prejudicial to women workers" and that she had been hindered in her efforts to find jobs by the existence of the \$14.00 minimum provision! In addition, she—and her lawyers—charged that the law deprives her of her constitutional freedom of contract.

Her case is being handled by lawyers for whom a \$9-a-week salary would scarcely provide cigars.

NEW YORK.—(FP)—Cooperative Workers' Union Local 100 of New York, of which Alfred Miller, anti-fascist scheduled for deportation to Nazi Germany, is a member, has written to Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, protesting the threat to their member's life and asking the right of political asylum for him in this country. Miller, formerly editor of The Producers News, Plattsburgh, Mont., was arrested after he had championed relief for drought-stricken farmers.

CHICAGO, Ill.—(FP)—La Salle street, Chicago Wall street, was joyously excited as packinghouse stockholders were handed a \$55,000,000 gift by order of Federal Judge Barnes of the Circuit Court here when he ordered that local banks turn over this amount collected in AAA processing taxes. The huge grab will go to the four biggest packing companies here, Wilson, Armour, Swift and Cudahy.

Immediately on this announcement the Armour Company joyfully announced that it will at once get \$10,000,000 which it will use for the retirement of 34,000 shares of seven per cent preferred stock, in order to pave the way for a flow of dividends to the common stockholders.

ATHENS, Georgia.—George Soule, an editor of the New Republic, stated in an address at the University of Georgia that a course in Marxism should be taught, as "it is a body of doctrine unfamiliarity with which deprives the modern man or woman of the right to be called educated." His appearance in Georgia brought forth protests by American Legion leaders, who claim that Soule, a mild liberal, is a Communist.

WASHINGTON.—Food went up in the two weeks of Dec. 31, according to the B. of Labor Statistics, standing 82.5 per cent of the 1923-25 base, against 82.0 two weeks before and 74.5 a year ago. This is an increase of more than 10 per cent in the year.

## NRA Offices Close in L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—Gaunt, sallow, with wings plucked clean of its once resplendent feathers—the "blue eagle" will squawk its last and make crippled flight from Los Angeles on February 1. Local NRA offices will be closed forever on that date.

Charles H. Cunningham, a James Smiley, NRA officials, will be transferred on February 1st to the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

# A Notable Servant of British Imperialism

## Rudyard Kipling Denied His Youthful Sympathies for Workers: Died a Millionaire

By Ridgely Cummings.

Rudyard Kipling, famed poet and novelist, bearer extraordinary of the white man's burden, died January 18th at the age of 70 in London. If his death had come forty years earlier it would have shaken the capitals of the world, since at that time Kipling was the recognized spokesman of British Imperialism.

Of late years, however, he has been a shadowy wraith, a ghost flitting about the English countryside to quiet social functions at the local vicar's, attending moribund dinners with retired colonial army officers, coming out of his retirement at rare intervals to write a militaristic or patriotic poem. His death causes little stir today except among other venerable relics of an outworn and faded era.

Middle-aged people who enthused over his poems in their youth read the headlines last week and murmured in surprise, "Kipling? I thought he was dead years ago."

BARRACK ROOM POET

Fifty years ago in India, Kipling as a budding newspaperman wrote Barrack Room Ballads, a collection of stirring verses depicting a soldier's life as seen through the rose-colored glasses of colonial exploitation. His rugged rhymes and absolute harmony with the Imperialistic aims of British finance capital caught the fancy of the ruling class, and

and even today some of these fumes are still recited at labor meetings. Sober, Kipling capitulated to the literary standards demanded of him by his bosses and disowned these pieces. Among the now fatherless poems with some real feeling in them, is his famous one about the Montreal prostitutes.

Kipling is dead. The whole era of capitalistic expansion whose song he sang is dead with him. In a world shaken with wars and crises, workers are developing their own culture, a powerful liberating culture that is preparing the way for a brave new world, a working class world.

"EAST IS EAST—?"

Kipling's most quoted line used to be "East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet," but the rapidly crystallizing racial solidarity of workers all over the world proves this is a lie that may well be buried in Kipling's grave. Ask a worker today who Kipling was and he'll probably say, "Kipling—ain't he the little guy who was always hollering my country right or wrong?"

Robert Flaherty, producer and director of Man of Aran, Nanook of the North, Moana of the South



## HOME FACTORY WE WOMEN WORKERS OFFICE FARM

What security do I have? What am I getting out of life today? Can I hope that tomorrow will be any better than today? Daily more women are asking themselves these questions. No longer is it possible for them to isolate themselves from the outside world; it is becoming increasingly more evident that the problems which face society as a whole are the problems of each and every individual woman.

But what can individual women do to gain security—to insure a better future for themselves, for their families? Different people have different opinions about this.

First those who would have us believe "woman's place is in the home; she should interest herself in the outside world only in the limited fields of charity, child education and culture." Such an attitude is found among the followers of Adolf Hitler. The Fascists of Italy give it expression by honoring a woman according to the number of children she bears.

### IN AMERICA, TOO

In this country such groups as the American Legion show their allegiance to this opinion by advocating legislation to keep women out of commercial work and by decrying the efforts of women to improve their conditions. To people who believe this, women are only useful as household drudges, as mothers of children, as servants dependent upon their husbands.

On the other hand, some people think that women are not capable of doing anything to improve their conditions and solve their problems. We are told that women are strong enough to do the washing, ironing, cooking, and housecleaning for large families, but are physically too weak to participate in economic struggles; that women are intelligent enough to be skilled in the many crafts which are necessary to run a household efficiently, but are untrustworthy and irresponsible when it comes to combating economic forces. To these people women are only useful to do the work which men consider beneath their dignity.

### NO SECURITY

But somehow neither of these answers is much of a help. The fact remains that economic conditions—food, clothing and shelter—are of vital concern to every woman. And the fact remains, that under present conditions, women, no more than men, are assured of even the necessities of life.

A glance at what women have done in the past, what they are doing today, to improve conditions quickly refutes the argument that women are not capable. The many hundreds of women in industry who struggle right along with the men to improve their working conditions are constant reminders of the strength which women add to the working class movement. The leadership displayed by women among the unemployed of Los Angeles, Mother Bloor's forty-five years in the trade union movement, the militant strike conducted by the women workers in May's Department store in New York—these are just some of the examples of women's ability to assume responsibility and to do effective work.

But in addition to this kind of activity, it is evident that, just as it is necessary for men and women in industry to organize in order to raise their wages, so must the women in homes organize to keep the high costs of living. Al women in several cities, including Detroit, have organized to cut down the price of meat 10 to 25 per cent.

### SPECIAL PROBLEMS

Not only are women needed to improve working conditions and raise wages, not only does it fall to them to organize to cut down the ever-increasing difference between high prices and low wages, there are other problems which are of special interest to them, which particularly need their organized efforts if they are to be met. Peace, the abolition of child labor in reality as well as law, competent and adequate free clinics, free hot lunches for children in school—these are just some of the issues which particularly need the leadership of women.

There is no doubt that women **N** and **MUST** become more active in these very important issues.

## Understandable \*\*\* Try Esperanto \*\*\* Unity Language

A movement which provides a means for workers to get into direct personal communication with workers abroad is gaining a foothold in many groups throughout the United States.

The means is the international language, Esperanto, still unheard of by many, but still a potential weapon for international working class solidarity.

Esperanto is the simplest of all languages, scientifically planned. It has only 16 rules of grammar, with no exceptions. It can be learned in a couple of months.

Years of sharp controversy between various tendencies among worker esperantists seriously handicapped the movement among American workers.

Now, however, as a result of parleys held in the last two months a united front of the various groups has been formed.

A large number of workers dropped out of the Esperanto movement, or became isolated during the conflicts. Now, however, the Workers' Esperanto Association of North America unites all the various factions.

Capitalists and fascists oppose the introduction of an international language which breaks down national barriers.

Esperanto is being used at present to fight against the coming Imperialist war in all countries.

Here is a sample showing the simplicity of Esperanto. It can be understood almost without study.

La internacia lingvo estas aktuala problemo por la proletaro. La definitiva solvado de la problemo de la internacia lingvo estas Esperanto! La kapitalismo preparas monstrolon atakon kontraŭ Sovet-Unio, la sola libera lando de la proletaro. Esperanto helpas kaj akcelas la unigon de la internacia proletaro por defendi Sovet-Unio.

## PWUU LOCAL IS FORMED IN SO. CALIF. CITIES

### WORKERS ORGANIZED ON BAY CITY PROJECT

By a Worker Correspondent.  
LOMITA, Calif.—I attended the first meeting of the Public Works and Unemployed Union held in Wilmington at the Moose Hall on January 14. The meeting was called by the PWUU as an aftermath of a strike which took place on the White Point sewer project in Harbor City.

Although unorganized, the workers saw the need of some action due to treatment received on the project—and other grievances. They showed by their own action the need for organization. The PWUU distributed leaflets and called a mass meeting.

About 55 workers turned out which was very good considering the short notice. Temporary officers were elected with an executive committee and job committee for morning and afternoon shifts. The meeting was very enthusiastic. Workers took the floor and asked questions concerning the union.

Success for building Local 41 of the PWUU was insured by scheduling the next meeting at the same time and place on January 21. The workers involved on the White Point project are from Lomita, Harbor City, Wilmington and San Pedro.

## Company Unions in Power Under Wagner

NEW YORK.—(FP)—No appreciable decrease in the number of company unions since the passage of the Wagner labor dispute act has been found by the National Industrial Conference Board, boss survey group.

It is the purpose of this column to act as a clearing-house for the many different problems with which women in homes, in factories, in offices and on farms are confronted. It is hoped that it will be written not only FOR women, but that its readers will feel that it BELONGS to them. There is more than enough work for all to be active; already leaders are pointing the way. The time has come for all women everywhere to stop accepting things as they are and to start moulding conditions to suit themselves!

# Stop Fluctuation—Build A Mass Communist Party

By E. HANOFF

In 1935, in the month of January, we re-registered 2433 members in our District. During the following months in 1935, we recruited in January 245 new members; February, 219; March, 164; April, 218; May, 176; June, 158; July, 217; August, 162; Sept. 141; Oct. 166; Nov. 133; December, 124. The total of new members recruited in 1935 was 2135. This means that the number of registrations, plus the new recruits in 1935, reached 4556.

Now let us carry this through on a Section scale, on the basis of the average dues payments in the last three months of 1935. San Francisco Section registered 483 at the beginning of 1935, and recruited 449 during the entire year. The membership should therefore be 932. Instead the present membership is 511. Los Angeles registered 1091 and recruited 890. Their membership should be 1981, but at present is only 1105. East Bay Section registered 192 and recruited 188, but now shows only 211 instead of the 380 members it should have. Sacramento Section registered 115 and recruited 58 new members, making a total of 173. However, their dues payments show only 86 members. San Diego Section registered 65, recruited 193, and should have a membership of 258 members. San Diego Section has only 124 members at present.

Contra Costa registered 39, recruited 6, making a total of 45. However, their present status is 43. Fresno registered 65 and recruited 26, total 91, but the present status is 39. Monterey registered 44 and recruited 24, total 68. Their present status is 33. San Jose registered 32 and recruited 8, total 40. Their present organizational status is 20. Santa Barbara registered 31 and recruited 63, a total of 94. Their present status is 30. San Bernardino registered 27 and recruited 63 making a total of 90. Their present status is 68. Sonoma Section registered 25 and recruited 24, total 49, but their present status is only 21. San Mateo registered 35 and recruited 27, total 62; present status 41. Eureka registered 35, recruited 7, a total of 42, but their present membership is only about 12. Stockton registered 22 and recruited 20, total of about 42, but their present status is only 27.

Bakersfield registered 22 and recruited 25, making a total of 47, but they have only 17 members. Porterville registered 36 and recruited 20, total 56, but their present status is 16. Merced registered 22 and recruited 15, total 37, present status 25. Tulare registered 24 and recruited 4, total 28, but did not buy any stamps for the last three months. Nevada registered 11, recruited 2, total 13, present status 9. Arizona registered 47, recruited 23, total 70, present status about 10.

### BAD RELATIONSHIP

In spite of the fact that we had 4556 workers in the Party in 1935, our monthly dues average never exceeded 2600. However, another two or three hundred members were more or less active in the Party, but were more than a month behind in their dues. This means that we have failed to establish the correct comradeship relationship between ourselves and the new members, and failed to take proper care of about 1700 willing and promising Communists.

Of course, some comrades will give the usual excuse for losing these comrades: "They were not ready for the Party," some of them "were too old," some "had family trouble," others "were not developed politically and didn't know what it was all about," some "were members in trade unions, others were members in mass organizations, lodges, clubs, etc. and had no time to attend fourteen inner party meetings in seven nights of the week," etc.

The fact that these people came into the Party proves that the above excuses are not an answer to this vital question. These comrades knew what they were doing and they were ready to make the necessary sacrifices in order to learn more about the program and objectives of the Communist Party.

### DISAPPOINTED

But they were disappointed in the Party. They did not find themselves at home when they came into their unit. They were treated as outsiders. They were

not given a chance to feel that the Party was their Party. The unit did not discuss the organizational and political problems that particularly concerned them and the other workers they knew. No one in the unit or section took enough pains to make friends with them, spend a little time with them, and find out their difficulties at home, on the job, on relief, etc.

We frightened our new comrades by mechanical assignments without convincing them why they should be carried out. We embarrassed and discouraged them by trying to force them to participate in Dutch Auctions, in trying to make them buy the Daily Worker, the Western Worker, Party Organizer, the Communist, Inprecor, New Masses, Health and Hygiene, and a dozen other pamphlets and books brought in to the unit to sell, to say nothing of five or more different tickets to bazaars, mass meetings, banquets, etc.

### DIDN'T EDUCATE

We did not explain to them why it is necessary for the working class to have a strong Communist Party.

We did not tell them why and how our Party is trying to bring together all the working class, including the farmers, and middle class into one united front against vigilantism, fascism, and war, or why we should build a strong Farmer-Labor Party in California and in the United States. We did not make clear to our new comrades the differences between the conditions of workers in this country and in the Soviet Union and why the workers of the world must defend the Soviet Union.

There was no clear and concrete explanation given as to why every Party member must attend the unit meeting and pay dues every week, and why he should read Party literature constantly. In most cases we did not even recommend what kind of literature the new member should read in order to become more intelligent politically, more capable of being a leader in the trade union or mass organization to which he belonged, and more able to improve his or her living conditions, by being an active member in the Communist Party.

We did not explain what workers can expect after the working class has achieved its final goal under the leadership of our Party.

If the above questions and others had been discussed and explained thoroughly, at least 90 per cent of these comrades would not only be with us today as active members, but would have brought hundreds of their relatives, neighbors, friends, and shopmates into the Communist Party.

### MUST IMPROVE WORK

Our excellent recruiting must be improved in quality and increased numerically during 1936 if we hope to provide the proper leadership to solve the burning problems with which our Party and the whole working class is faced in our District, such as the strengthening of the existing trade unions, organizing the unorganized, particularly in the agricultural fields, where in the past we have organized excellent struggles and gained improved conditions for the workers. We must organize the unemployed to fight against relief cuts and the high cost of living. We must organize an anti-fascist anti-vigilante people's front, and above all, we must lay the proper basis for a Farmer-Labor Party.

But we must use a new method for recruiting new members, and keeping them in the Party. We must learn to plan our work in the sections and units on the basis of the immediate objectives in our particular territories. We must decide where to concentrate, who to concentrate on, how much each comrade is capable of doing. Then we must have a constant check-up to see that everyone carries through his or her assignments.

### RECRUITING DAILY TASK

We must convince ourselves once and for all that recruiting is not a seasonal or accidental question, but a daily task for every Party member. Every one of us should feel and think as an organizer. This will help us to pay serious attention to everyone with whom we come in contact, and find out who they are, what

kind of work they are doing, where they live, etc. With this serious concentration on organization, we will be able to put our Central Committee directives in practice. Here we want to re-emphasize the instructions sent out by the Central Committee two years ago—that each Party member should make five friends, in the neighborhood, in the trade union, in the shop or in the mass organization. With these people we should be able to discuss all important questions. We should be able to keep them supplied with our literature, invite them to our homes, to our mass meetings, to our affairs, to open unit meetings. When these workers join the Party, they will know what to expect and how to become active leaders in the Party. Of course, this does not mean that we should stop recruiting from mass affairs and meetings, etc.

### STEBEN METHOD

We must also apply Comrade Steuben's method in our District. Comrade John Steuben, the section organizer in Youngstown, called upon all the section organizers in this country to recruit at least 15 new members in the present national membership drive to bring the membership to 40,000 dues paying members by the time of the National Party Convention on March 8, 1936.

Not only the section organizers can undertake such responsibility, but every member of the District Committee and every leading comrade in the trade unions and mass organizations should be held responsible to prove his seriousness and capability by recruiting tens of new members.

It is much easier for leading comrades to recruit if they utilize their prestige, their political understanding, their convincing arguments, so that they can set an example to the rank and file comrades. The leading comrades must be leaders in recruiting if we expect to fulfill our quota of 500 new members and have a dues average of at least \$200 by March 1.

### CAN DOUBLE MEMBERSHIP

On the basis of our recruiting in the past, and the greater possibilities that exist at present, with serious determination and the full mobilization of all Party members, we can double our membership in 1936, which will bring it up to 5000. This will answer the daily need for forces in all situations and fields of work, and also will lay the basis for a mass Communist Party in California and will mean a tremendous increase in power to strengthen the labor movement in the state.

In this connection, one thing must receive immediate attention. Between 1600 and 1700 comrades left us in 1935. In every section, sub-section and unit we must have a complete re-check on everyone who had a membership book in 1935 and did not re-register for 1936. Visiting squads on a section and unit basis must be organized for a period of at least two months, during which time every one of these dropped-out comrades must be visited to find out why they left the Party, and try to bring them back. If this is done properly we can bring back a big percentage of them immediately, and we will be able to really make interesting reports to our District Convention, which will be a tremendous aid in our future recruiting and checking of fluctuation.

### TASKS OF WORLD CONGRESS

The building of a strong Communist Party in California will prove that we are really the vanguard of the working class. It will help to achieve the urgent tasks of the 7th World Congress of the Communist International and the recent Plenum of the Central Committee put before us. However, the fulfillment of these tasks means that we must break away from our old sectarian iron shell and become an inseparable part of the working class. We must immediately react to the growing, disquieting against capitalist rule and reaction, and solidify the maturing of revolutionary spirit among the masses of workers into a People's Front against the growing vicious slavery of Fascism, and to build a powerful Farmer-Labor Party in California and in the United States.

## MOVIE REVIEWS

By Michael Quin.

### CAPTAIN BLOOD

The large animals eat the smaller animals and the big fish chase the little ones and evolution has been a murderous and gluttonous orgy of killing, devouring and mating. The fleetest, the fiercest and the least appetizing species have survived nature's unsentimental contest.

The career of mankind has been the bloodiest and most unscrupulous of all living things. Other animals preyed upon each other but man is the only creature that has waged a suicidal campaign of destruction against himself through the long years of history.

The first half of 'Captain Blood' is an excellent portrayal of history. Its scenes of conflict are convincing and startling. How humanity has survived man's efforts to annihilate man, is an amazing triumph of propagation. Viewing the scenes of bloodshed and slaughter in this picture, it is incredible to think that man could have been more industrious in bed than on the battle field and that the human race could have endured to see populations of hundreds of millions today.

Personally, I recommend the picture. The first part is done with enough integrity to be called Marxian. Later the thing loses its head over the exaggerated gallantry of an individual and winds up in pure idiocy in order to achieve a romantic and happy ending.

The purpose of such films, from the studio point of view, is to lure the admission price out of the meagre purse of some brow-beaten wage slave who spends his days bending over ledgers and dreams privately of a life of adventure in the Caribbean. It enables the fatigued employees of merchandising to escape their empty, hum-drum lives for an hour; to sit in the dark and lose themselves in an imaginary existence of robust heroism, color, vigor, excitement.

It is more interesting than the picture itself to stand in the theater lobby on a Saturday night and watch the long lines of people waiting to get in. Faces marked with the worry of debt,

shoulders hunched from ledger stooping, eyes blinking at you through goggles thick as dollars, hen-pecked men with umbrellas and rubbers, fat people, skinny people—a conglomeration of all the distorted, grotesque physiques that city life and clerkdom produces.

Above them, on flaming posters, reckless desperadoes are brandishing cutlasses; strong handsome men are leaning over the heaving bosoms of ravishing beauties.

Patiently they fidget and murmur nonsensities at the gates of escape. Soon they will lose themselves in a wild dream of adventure.

This same lure of escape from the dullness of everyday life is emblazoned on the recruiting posters of the Army and Navy. In time of war, this invitation to heroic adventure mounts to the proportions of a forest fire. Escape! Adventure! Excitement! The opportunity to be a hero—to be a brave man and risk your life combatting an ignoble foe. The huns are spitting babies on bayonets and raping nuns! Forward, Sir Gallahad to the rescue! Nuts!

Even the film 'Captain Blood,' it examined closely reveals that all these "heroic" conflicts were the clashes of robber gangs, brawls to establish the ownership of merchandise and property for a handful of perfumed, sissified owners. It is no coincidence that the men who have owned the loudest guns have always been the wealthiest.

Though created as a swash-buckling adventure yarn, the first part is an historical document and depicts a revolutionary struggle without benefit of leaflets and revolutionary theory. Instead of striving to change a social order, these men were trying to oust a "bad King" and put a "good King" on the throne. Nevertheless, the class implications and the true character of imperialism in action stand out with exceptional clarity. And a thoughtful audience can draw a great many interesting comparisons with the present world situation. It is worth seeing if only for the scene where the revolting slaves dump the plantation owner in the ocean.

## ON THE LABOR DEFENSE FRONT

By Bob O'Malley.  
C. S. CASE

The most important struggle now being waged on the DEFENSE FRONT is the fight to liberate immediately the heroic Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism prisoners. Legally, the I. L. D., through its attorney, Leo Gallagher, is continuing the court actions demanding that Pat Chambers, Caroline Decker and Hougherty and the others be freed on bail pending the outcome of the appeal. There is no hope of success, however, unless Gallagher's motions in court are backed by an articulate, widespread public opinion insisting on the immediate release of the C. S. frame-up victims.

More immediate and urgent is the mobilization of mass pressure on the Parole Board to set the sentence at the minimum time allowed by the law. If this is done, the eight C. S. young men and women would leave the prison gates on February 27th.

### BOARD MEMBERS

The three members of the Parole Board are Frank C. Sykes, chairman, a contractor in the Kohl Building, San Francisco; Joseph H. Stephens, the ultra-conservative president of the Merchants' National Bank of Sacramento, who issued a public statement at the beginning of the C. S. trial against the defendants; and David F. Bush, a prominent lawyer-politician-Legionnaire of Oakland, Calif., who was the mouthpiece of the big landowners and the Southern Pacific during the last session of the State legislature. The completely reactionary nature of the Board makes it obvious that only the strongest kind of pressure will induce them to set the minimum sentence.

In your letters to the Board stress the fact that the prisoners were found guilty of nothing but membership in the Communist Party—which is a legal party. They were acquitted of doing anything or even of saying anything contrary to the law. The whole case was a scandalous abuse of judicial process to suppress agitation for better wages and conditions among migratory

workers, in which the defendants had been active and successful.

### SCOTTSBORO CASE

The trial of the Scottsboro boys has begun once again in the little court room of Decatur, Alabama. Convictions were set aside last Nov. by the U. S. Supreme Court. But the famous Negro youths have been re-indicted of the charge of raping two white girls while on a freight train. This time the defense is greatly strengthened by a strong united front defense committee. All money donated for the Scottsboro defense is turned over 100 per cent to the United Defense Committee which consists of the Methodist Federation for Social Service, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Civil Liberties Union, the League for Industrial Democracy and the International Labor Defense.

### MODESTO DEFENSE

The Modesto Case Defense Conference was held Sunday, Jan. 12. The I.L.D. now has a delegate in the permanent conference participating in a fraternal capacity. The Modesto Defense is continuing the work of building up mass pressure for the release of the prisoners framed by the Standard Oil.

One of the chief weapons to be used is the broadening of the boycott of Standard Oil Products. The boycott is very successful. It is reported from one dealer in the Marina district (which only has a small working class population) that since the boycott has begun, his business has dropped 40 per cent.

The Standard Oil Co. has a long history of anti-working class deeds, ranging from legal frame-ups of militants, terror and suppression of union organization to the worst sort of exploitation of its workers. The Modesto Conference is planning a protest mass meeting in the near future and the issuance of a pamphlet exposing the activities of the Standard Oil Co. behind the frame-up. **BOYCOTT STANDARD OIL!**

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**KEEP THIS DATE OPEN.** Sixth Annual Ball of the Lenin Branch 119 I.W.O., Sat. February 22, 8 p. m., Sokol Hall, 739 Page st.

**LABOR DEFENDER NIGHT.** Dance - Entertainment, Feb. 2, 779 Vallejo, 8:00 p. m. Auspices I.L.D. Support the Labor Defender.

**YOUR SUPPORT WILL FREE** the victims of the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

**MASS MEETING, BUILDING TRADES TEMPLE**, 14th and Guerrero, FEB. 5. Speakers: Assemblyman Paul Ritchie, Kaspar Bauer, Anita Whitney, Pat Lydon and others.

**SIXTH ANNUAL I.L.D. BAZAAR**, Redman's Hall, 3053, 16th st., March 20, 21, 22. Keep these dates open. Watch for further announcements.

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### Seamen Halt Ship With Libel Suit

SEATTLE, Jan. 17.—On a complaint filed by members of the crew the U. S. Marshal held the tanker Kishacoquillas at Port Angeles in libel action.

The complaint filed by five former members was made after they were discharged by the captain in Seattle although they had signed articles guaranteeing transportation home.

The tanker is from New York bound for Honolulu where she was to be sold to foreign interests.

The men fired, obviously to save the company transportation, are: William Wagner, Kenneth Atwood, Frank Marzano, William Grant and Vincent Hoover.

changed from the last week-end in March to March 20-21-22 at Redman's Hall. We hope this change, which was necessary to secure a suitable hall, will not inconvenience other arrangements. All friendly organizations are urged to keep the above dates open. Out-of-town branches should arrange showers, etc. to help make the bazaar a success.



## RIP TIDES

By LeMae

## Boss

It was a strange quirk that found Rebel in the lifeboat bearing the Negro messboy and the Chinese cook.

Rebel was in the midst of a long harangue on the uselessness of "niggers"—when the scrap-iron laden vessel suddenly broke in two without an inkling of warning—and here he was adrift in the Gulf of Mexico in a tiny lifeboat with a Negro and a Chinese.

As the last trace of the rent ship and her war cargo disappeared beneath the light blue swells, Rebel instinctively reached for an oar. His two companions followed suit. Without a semblance of direction they rowed until the messboy spoke up, "Where're we rowing to, boss?"

Rebel's oar dragged the waters. That's right—where were they rowing to? He reached for the waterbreaker. It moved easily in its resting place near the after thwart. Hall empty.

"It would be better if we conserved our energy," the cook counseled, "rowing under the hot sun will only make us thirstier."

As the sun began to lower itself on the very near horizon, Rebel sought the biscuit breaker. The top was literally welded on with rust. His efforts to knock it loose with the hatchet failed.

Exasperated and hungry he poised the hatchet to split the thin sheeted tin box. The Negro stayed his hand, "Don't split the can, Boss, them biscuits won't keep—let me try it."

He braced the box between his legs as the boat surged lazily with the sea. A firm twist with a powerful hand and the lid was loose. The first few layers were nothing but a sodden green mess.

Rebel tossed a handful into the sea as he cursed those responsible.

"Boss, we better save that stuff, we can eat it after it dries out—besides you'll have these fellows following us," he waved to a gray fin cutting the waters towards the boat at a fast clip. Rebel gazed angrily at his counsellor but said nothing.

The cook sat sphinx-like in the bow. Rebel reached for the last few remnants of the mildewed sea biscuits. He eyed the Negro sheepishly.

Nothing. Only the endless and monotonous horizon. The cook no longer sat in the bow. The child nights had left him fever-wracked. He lay huddled, 'neath the bow. Rebel gazed with vacant stare at the fins surrounding the lifeboat. Furtively he reached his fingers into the tepid salt water. The Negro slapped his wet hand away from his mouth, "Boss, that don't do no good," he chided.

Shamefacedly Rebel turned to the horizon.

Another hot early morning awoke him from his semi-stupor. "Try this, Boss," the Negro handed Rebel a piece of raw fish.

Hungry he reached for it. "I got him with a tap of the boat hook," the Negro answered his questioning stare.

Rebel was no longer conscious. He raved deliriously. The cook lay flat on the bottom boards—still. The Negro sat with his back propped against the air tanks. He chewed on a piece of rope yarn as he waved a tattered shirt desperately.

The three bodies were lifted aboard the little schooner just before the squall broke—

"How do you feel, Boss?" the Negro asked as they sat near the galley.

"Don't call me Boss," Rebel stretched out his hand, "can I call you friend?"

## Baptiste Says He "Doesn't Need Any Bargemen's Union"

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—"We don't need no Bargemen's Union!"

That's what Baptiste, one-time candidate for office in the local Bargemen's Union told the membership at its regular meeting last Sunday.

Baptiste would like to see conditions on the waterfront here return to "normal" as they were before the 1934 maritime strike, when any money could get a job if he played ball with the ship-owners.

A reactionary clique within the Bargemen's Union has been active the last few months, seeking either to gain control of the union and turn it over to the ship-owners or, failing in this, break the organization.

The Bargemen recently were successful in a long strike against the operators and have been the target for the shippers ever since.

## Legionaire Challenge To C.P. in Debate on Red Menace to Labor

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 14.—Describing himself as "lawyer-lecturer" and a member of the Pasadena Post of the American Legion, Capt. Jack O'Brien has challenged the Communist Party to debate on the subject, "Resolved: That Communism is a menace to the American labor movement."

The challenge accepted by the Communist Party, the debate will be held on Sunday night, Jan. 26, at the Cultural Center Open Forum.

Officially presenting the position of the Communist Party will be Harold J. Ashe.

Although widely renowned for red-baiting, the American Legion, or one of its representatives, has never previously "stuck its chin out" by daring to appear on the same platform with a representative of the Communist Party.

A capacity crowd is anticipated for this unusual forensics battle.

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## THE 1936 BLUES



Miss Jones—Another quart of rye please. It's that Sunday Daily Worker again.

## Full Speed Ahead For An Improved Western Worker

Things are happening. Laval is being moved out of the French Cabinet. There is a prisoners' revolt at Alcatraz Island. The renegade counter-revolutionist Trotsky is writing a series of articles printed in all of Hearst's filthy rags. Relief is being cut; WPA workers are starving—and organizing. There are revolts and strikes in Mussolini-plagued Italy. West Coast Seamen's Union charters are threatened by reactionaries.

What do all these things mean? Why do they happen? What is going to happen tomorrow—or next year? Where will you find the answers?

The workers' press, interpreting history in the light of Marxism-Leninism, is the only press capable of digging into the filthy mess that is Capitalism and bringing the truth to light. You, whether you belong to the Communist Party or not, owe it to yourself to become aware of what actually is taking place around you—in the nation—in the world.

Read and support the workers' press—the Western Worker. You know the Western Worker needs money—more subscriptions. What are you going to do about it? Read the tables below and make your plans accordingly. And don't forget—the more effort you put into making the \$7,500 financial drive a success, the better your paper will be.

## DRIVE STANDING, JANUARY 22ND

PER CENT RAISED				Per Cent
Section	Group	Quota	Raised	Raised
Los Angeles	A	\$3500	\$1,823.25	52
San Francisco	"	2500	947.20	38
East Bay	B	350	137.75	39
San Diego	C	200	182.93	91
Sonoma	D	75	90.00	120
Santa Barbara	"	75	58.26	79
San Mateo	"	100	20.50	20
Monterey	"	75	3.00	4
San Bernardino	E	50	56.11	112
Fresno	"	50	23.50	47
Sacramento	"	50	19.30	38
Contra Costa	"	50	9.65	19
Eureka	"	50	.....	0
Merced	F	25	26.50	106
Nevada	"	25	1.50	6
San Jose	"	25	.....	0
Bakersfield	"	25	.....	0
Porterville	"	25	.....	0
Stockton	"	25	.....	0
Tulare	"	25	.....	0
Arizona	"	25	.....	0
At Large Dist. No. 13	.....	175	46.62	28
TOTALS	.....	\$7,500	\$3,446.07	46

## School Workers In L.A. Will Be Fingerprinted

By John Broman.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21.—The hand that dangled the boogie-man of criminals working in the Los Angeles school system, was revealed at last week's meeting of the Board of Education as the hand of the most reactionary elements of finance capital!

Behind what capitalist newspapers have called a "sensational expose" of school system workers with criminal records, was disclosed the real intent behind the smoke screen, when the Board of Education voted to fingerprint every employee in the schools, from teacher to janitor.

In the future, the board voted, all applicants for positions in the school system must submit photographs and fingerprints, which are to be checked with the federal bureau of identification.

In addition, all school teachers, non-certified employees and board members employed at present will be photographed and fingerprinted at an early date.

By this viciously reactionary measure, teachers are subjected to the same regimentation as criminals, and are intimidated to prevent them from exercising any type of academic freedom.

## ILD Announces Bazaar on Jan. 24

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—The International Labor Defense has announced a bazaar to be held at the Workers' Center, 2706 Brooklyn ave., on January 24, 25 and 26. Final auctions and raffles will take place on the last day.

The I.L.D. has endorsed the united front unemployed demonstration scheduled for 2:30 p.m., Jan. 24th in the Plaza as well as the parade to the WPA offices at 741 Flower street on the same day.

## "New Gulliver" Scheduled for San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—The Soviet film masterpiece, "The New Gulliver," which is now in its second month of showing to capacity audiences in New York, will open at the Clay International Theatre here on Saturday, Jan. 25th.

Eight years of research and two years of shooting were required for this amazing production which is enacted by one living character and 3000 puppets.

Performances will be continuous on Saturday and Sunday. For the balance of the week there will be a daily matinee at 2:15 and evening performances at 7 and 9.

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## Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M. D.

## OUR OLD FRIEND RAPE

The bourgeois press is famous for being humorous without intending to be. But it would be hard to beat the following letter printed in the serious and dignified Journal of the American Medical Association by a doctor in Idaho:

"A dog-breeder informs me that, if a thoroughbred bitch is raped by a mongrel, the bitch is ruined as far as further breeding of thoroughbred pups is concerned. Pups following this, even though the bitch is covered by a thoroughbred, will show characteristics of the mongrel. If this is true, would the same apply to human beings? That is, if a Negro raped a white woman, who gave birth to a mulatto, and later she marries a white man, would their children be liable to have Negro characteristics?"

There is, of course, no basis of truth to such a fantastic theory either as related to animals or humans, except, perhaps, in the lewd minds of the Southern bourgeoisie who spend their leisure time having horrible dreams about Negroes raping their women.

## ORIGIN OF SYPHILIS

For years, it has been assumed that syphilis was brought to Europe from America, by Columbus' sailors. It has now been discovered that this disease was widespread in Europe for years before America was discovered.

The rumor that syphilis originally came from America was started by capitalists dealing in guaiacum wood, which was also imported from America. They claimed that the Indians used this wood to

cure the disease and made huge profits out of selling it to those infected. They were the original fake-medicine dealers, for guaiacum has no effect on syphilis.

## MILD UNDERNOURISHMENT

Everyone knows what dire results can come from extreme lack of food. However, few people realize that any number of ailments can come from moderate undernourishment or a poorly-balanced diet.

Vague intestinal complaints are often due to lack of Vitamin B in the diet. This vitamin is found in large quantities in eggs, yeast, and the hulls of grains.

Nervousness, that "tired feeling," lack of endurance are often due to lack of sufficient or the right kind of food.

Infections of all sorts may be brought on by undernourishment. This is particularly true of tuberculosis. Early old age may be due to improper food. Children from undernourished families are usually physically and mentally inferior. Anemia may be due to the wrong kind of diet.

To guard against these conditions, a person should eat large quantities of the "protective foods" that supply those substances which are most often missing from the diet. First among these is milk. Then come leafy vegetables, fruits, and eggs. Finally there are liver, kidney, and pancreas.

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### Green Dictatorship In San Diego

The American Federation of Labor must be preserved as a democratic body. This is more important than any other single union issue today. That is why the action of William Green in dissolving the Federated Trades and Labor Council of San Diego must not be allowed to pass without the most vigorous protest.

The technical reason for the attack on the San Diego council was no more than an excuse. Green does not even pretend that it was the real motive. He does, however, accuse that council of "communist influences."

Every labor union in the country that adopts progressive measures, broadens democratic control, or engages in a real struggle for the welfare of its members is decry by Green and the rest of his official clique as "communist." Green is waging a war against unionism under pretense of a war against Communism.

However demagogues may try to confuse the issue, one fact is plain: Democracy must be preserved, broadened, strengthened. Your union must be controlled by YOU.

Whenever democracy is established in a union and it passes into control by the membership, it will be called a "Communist" union.

The Communist Party advocates and supports the struggle for 100 per cent democratic control in the unions. Are you afraid to have your union controlled by yourself? Green is. In Green's eyes, you are a Communist.

Every union local should immediately pass resolutions of protest against the San Diego "fascist" incident and address them to both William Green and Joseph Casey.  
(See story on Page one.)

### Soldiers' Bonus Fight Is Not Over Yet

Final passage of the Soldiers' Bonus Bill by both the Senate and the House marks a victory of a sort for the veterans but also illustrates the sad effects of political tampering.

The overwhelming vote in the House for the Bonus Bill was a victory.

It was a slap in the face to Hearst and Fish and a warning to Roosevelt who has twice vetoed bonus payment.

But much of the good effects were lost after the Senate got their hands on the bill. There was only one method of paying the bonus without placing the burden on the people.

That was the method proposed in the Macdonald Bonus Bill (H.R. 8365): taxation of big incomes, corporate surpluses, and inheritances.

The "baby bond" provision is a fraud which first cuts down compensation, second provides no real solution of the financing problem.

The Government is still faced with the problem of raising two billion dollars.

Roosevelt will probably veto the doctored bill. Then it will go back to Congress for further mauling.

Victories have been won, but the fight is not over yet.

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### Munitions Investigations Show Neutrality Is an Illusion

The Munitions Investigation in the Senate is being choked to death through lack of funds. This investigation has already unearthed a decidedly aromatic pile of evidence to show how Wilson collaborated with Wall Street to get us into war.

The Administration is naturally embarrassed at a time so near to elections, at a time when another similar war threatens, by any poking around into the real way the last one got started. It is a sordid mess that is being unravelled in the chambers of that august body. The whole sly web of secret diplomacy and financial intrigue is being lifted.

Already it has shown:  
1. The House of Morgan deliberately created a panic in the foreign exchange market, August 14, 1915, August 18, H. P. Davidson, Morgan partner, appeared at the Treasury Department declaring that only large-scale loans to the Allies could save the situation.

2. On August 21, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo urged that neutrality be ditched.

3. Seven weeks later a half billion dollar loan floated by the J. P. Morgan company for Britain and France was put across.

4. A similar loan which Germany tried to float was squelched, at a time when the United States was supposed to be neutral. It was squelched by President Wilson.

5. One year later Wilson ran for reelection on a platform of "He Kept Us Out of War."

This proves that neutrality is an illusion, one which cannot survive in a world of conflicting imperialist interest.

Roosevelt's neutrality bill is no better a guarantee of peace than Wilson's empty lies.

1. This investigation must be completed. Funds must be provided.

2. A broad Farmer-Labor Party, forming an anti-fascist, anti-war people's front must be formed to develop an independent mass fight for peace.

"We are free today substantially, but the day will come when our republic will be an impossibility. It will be an impossibility because wealth will be concentrated in the hands of a few."—JAMES MADISON.

"The freest government cannot long endure when the tendency of the law is to create a rapid accumulation of property in the hands of a few, and to render the masses poor and dependent."—DANIEL WEBSTER.

"Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN."

It is necessary to turn all our energies to the central task of the period—to the building of a broad, aggressive Farmer-Labor Party in every town and city, in every state and in the whole nation in preparation for the election struggles and for the decisive election of 1936.

"Contemplate the mangled bodies of your countrymen and then say, 'What should be the reward of such sacrifices? Bid us and posterity bow the knee, supplicate the friendship, and plow, and sow, and reap, to glut the avarice of the men who have let loose on us the dogs of war to riot in our blood and hunt us from the face of the earth? If you love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude than the animating contest of freedom—go from us in peace. We ask not your counsel or arms. CROUCH DOWN AND LICK THE HANDS WHICH FEED YOU. May your chains sit lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen.'"—SAMUEL ADAMS.

The Lewis, Howard, Hillman group in the A. F. of L. is fighting for a basic issue in the life of the American working class—organizing the unorganized into industrial unions. This is one of those crucial points which will strengthen the American working class tremendously and enable it to struggle for its class interests all along the line. It is clear that this issue will be supported by us by all possible means.

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## Party Life

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL  
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### More Work Must Be Put Into the Recruit Drive

One of the District control tasks is to recruit 500 new members by March 1, 1936. So far, during the first three weeks of January, only 106 have been recruited by the following sections:

	Quota
San Francisco .....	7 100
Los Angeles .....	68 200
East Bay .....	8 50
San Diego .....	8 24
Santa Barbara .....	3 8
Sonoma .....	3 8
San Mateo .....	2 8
Merced .....	3 4
Fresno .....	1 8
Arizona .....	3 6
Nevada .....	1 4

TOTAL .....

How about the other sections, San Bernardino, Sacramento, Stockton, Contra Costa, San Jose, Monterey, Eureka, Porterville, Tulare, Bakersfield.

#### MAKING PLANS

Are you having discussions in the sections and units to work out a plan for bringing back those comrades who have become inactive for some reason or other, and to give them more attention so that they will remain in the Party and become active? Have you approached your shopmate, your fellow trade-unionist, your friend in the mass organization to which you belong, your neighbor, etc.? Are you gathering a list of contacts of every member in the unit to invite them to an open unit meeting?

This method is very successful. Every Party member should concentrate on one prospective Party member, have heart to heart talks with him or her about the living conditions, about fighting war and fascism, about the united front, and about the Farmer-Labor Party, and finally explaining how much more useful he can be in all the above activities by becoming an active Party member.

## RAILROAD BILL CHALLENGED BY BIG COMPANIES

135 LINES COMBINE TO  
COMBAT NEW PENSION  
MEASURE

SAN FRANCISCO.—While in Washington the constitutionality of the Railroad Retirement Act was being challenged by a coalition of 135 railroad companies, reports from the Soviet Union tell of steady increases in Railwaymen's wages and working conditions.

The bill being challenged in Washington provides a maximum pension of \$120 a month for employees reaching 65 years of age or who, regardless of age, had seen thirty years' of railroad service.

In Russia, since the revolution, railway transport has improved considerably. Transfer of bulk freight by rail increased from 132,400,000 tons in 1913 to 358,000,000 tons in 1935, an increase of 270 per cent.

The development of transport is accompanied by a corresponding percentage increase in the wages of railwaymen.

The system of fixing wages rests on the principle of "better pay for better work." Workers, regardless of their trade, receive wages in accordance with their adherence to the established standards. For overfulfilling the set standard there is remuneration at progressively increasing rates. This stimulates shock work. Railwaymen receive triple rates for every extra kilometer covered.

The increase of wages is accompanied by a greater demand and more effective supply of workers with luxuries and necessities, which were formerly beyond the workers' means.

The wages of railwaymen are steadily increasing and are accompanied by a corresponding change in material and cultural standards. Full insurance against illness and old age is given to all workers in the Soviet Union, the land without unemployment.

Help distribute 500,000 edition of Dimitroff's pamphlet, "Working Class Unity—Bulwark Against Fascism". Price 5 cents.

### "Peaceful Penetration"



## Socialist Back Fight on War

### JOINT ACTION ACHIEVED AT THE THIRD CONGRESS AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM

"Broaden the base of our anti-war and anti-fascist struggle." This was the keynote of the Third Congress of the American League Against War and Fascism, struck by the National chairman, Dr. Harry F. Ward. Great steps were made by the Congress itself, which included the widest strata of groups ever brought together in a united effort against reaction. This wide front of trade unionists, farm groups, professionals, women and youth brought forward numerous proposals, laying the base for an even broader movement against fascist elements which would destroy America. Most significant was the proposal made jointly by the Socialist Party and the Executive Committee of the American League:

1.—To work toward the stopping of the manufacture and transport of munitions in time of peace and war, and all other material essential to the conduct of war. This is to be done by mass demonstration, picketing and strikes, and by enlisting the professional classes in educational propaganda against war, and by their participation with workers and farmers in anti-war actions.

2.—To expose at every point the extensive preparation for war being carried on by the government of the United States under the guise of "national defense" and by diverting to war preparation funds for relief projects and public works. To demand that relief funds be spent only in constructive work or for adequate relief and that huge additional budgets now being spent in preparation for war be transferred to the extension of health and education.

3.—To resist the increasing militarization of youth in schools, CCC and C.M.T.C. camps, and using their dependence upon relief to get them into the armed forces.

4.—To demand total and universal disarmament as proposed by the Soviet Union, by the League of Nations, and to support all measures that move clearly toward that goal.

5.—To demand that neutrality legislation effectively cover all war supplies, loans, credits, permitting no presidential discretion. More particularly to promote and support refusal of workers to handle all materials of war; to organize and support public condemnation of those who seek profits from the sale of war materials and war loans; to organize mass support for every effort, national or international, which in our judgment is directed toward postponing, restricting or shortening war.

6.—To oppose the policies of American imperialism in Latin America, the Far East and throughout the world, to give the support of our protests and demands to all peoples who are resisting exploitation, aggression and suppression by imperialistic powers, to those in all lands who struggle against the war measures and

#### ALIVE TO ISSUES

It was apparent from the whole proceedings that delegates were meeting at the time when war was being actually waged by fas-

cist policies of their own governments and to all who suffer under the Fascist state.

#### "EXPOSE FASCIST" PROPAGANDA

7.—To demonstrate constantly the relationship between war and Fascism; to expose and counteract Fascist propaganda both foreign and native-born; to prevent the formation of Fascist forces in this country.

8.—To oppose all developments leading to Fascism, particularly the widespread use of armed forces and vigilante terrorism against workers, unemployed, farmers, Negroes and other racial minorities who are exercising their constitutional rights to protest against unbearable conditions and to organize for their own advancement.

9.—To resist the attempts of our American Fascists to destroy, by legislation, executive order, judicial decree or lawless action, our guaranteed civil rights of free speech, free press, free assembly, the right to organize, picket and demonstrate, and further to resist all forms of discrimination against foreign born based on their political or labor activities.

10.—To oppose all legislation or orders denying citizens in the armed forces their constitutional right to receive printed matter or personal appeals in behalf of this or any other program designed to secure peace, freedom and justice and to defend their right to join organizations on the same basis as other citizens.

The delegates to this Congress and all those who are willing to struggle for peace and freedom have before them the task of building the American League throughout this country into a powerful united force that can check reaction and stop war.

Dr. Harry F. Ward will soon be making a speaking tour for the American League Against War and Fascism, with the following itinerary:

Los Angeles, January 28.  
Santa Barbara, Jan. 29, at the Methodist Church.

Oakland, Jan. 30, at Jenny Lind Hall.

San Francisco, Jan. 31, at Native Sons' Hall, under the auspices of the American Civil Liberties Union.

He is also going to speak for the League of Women Voters, at 3 p. m.

Also for the Commonwealth Club broadcast at noon.

This tour of Dr. Harry F. Ward should serve to strengthen this work in California.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

## Books—Pamphlets IN REVIEW

THE STAKHANOV MOVEMENT IN THE SOVIET UNION, Josef Stalin, (Workers' Library, 22 pp.; 3 cents.)

Stalin's talks to the people at their meetings and conferences are the ancestors of Roosevelt's "Fireside Chats."

The main difference between the two is that Stalin's words are meant to be taken seriously. In them he analyzes and then unifies the decisions of the workers, thus setting the guide and standard of Socialist Construction. He gives voice to nothing which is not the expression of a whole people; therefore what he says is accepted as final authority.

The keynote of this analysis and program for the Stakhanov movement is stated: "Life has improved, life has become joyous."

The Stakhanov movement is significant because it marks the transition from Socialist society to a Communist society. It marks the final stage where the law is "From each according to his ability; to each according to his need," not, as heretofore, to each according to the work he performs for society.

The movement came from the rank and file, had even to battle official suppression in its early stages. Not a matter of superior ability, increased efficiency results from enthusiasm of the workers. This is what the Stakhanovites have proved.

"If people in our country had lived badly, drably, joylessly, we should have had no Stakhanov movement," said Stalin illustrating the point.

"New technique is everything," said Stalin in his speech to the Red Army graduate. Here he goes a step further, saying, "The new people, working men and women who have mastered the new technique, constituted the force that shaped them and advanced the Stakhanov movement," the movement which forecasts a working class composed of engineers and technical workers who will eliminate the distinction between mental and manual labor.

Incidentally, as a piece of crisp writing and good journalism it stands beside the work of Radek and Spivak as an example of good workmanship.

### STANFORD PROF. WILL DESCRIBE SOVIET RUSSIA

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—Soviet Russia's attitude towards the Italian invasion of Abyssinia, towards the League of Nations, and recent events in Mongolia will be discussed by Professor H. H. Fisher of Stanford University in a lecture on "The Peace Policy of the Soviet Union" to be given under the auspices of the American Friends of Soviet Union at the Cliff Hotel, January 27, at 8 p. m.

Mr. Fisher spent a considerable time and traveled widely in Soviet Russia as a member of the American Relief Administration. He has since visited Russia in connection with his work as chairman of the Committee on Russian Research which has been making a study of the Russian Revolution and the policies of the Soviet Government. Seven volumes have been published in this series. Mr. Fisher is himself the author of several volumes relating to the history of Russia and Eastern Europe.

### Organizational Plan Suggested By Labor Council

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20.—Strengthening organized labor by urging all employers of labor "to add at least one extra employee," was the unique organizational plan adopted by the Central Labor Council "leadership" here today for Labor Week, February 24th to 29th.

Harry Sherman and J. W. Buzell, president and secretary of the Central Labor Council, are also urging "householders to have their cars reconditioned and repainted."

The 35th anniversary of the Central Labor Council's charter will be celebrated Feb. 25th, Tuesday night, at a Mid-winter Labor Frolic in the Shrine Auditorium to raise funds to life the Labor Temple mortgage.

## Machinery Takes Workers' Jobs NO PROBLEM IN U.S.S.R.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—Bill Green, president of the A. F. of L., has at last become aware of the problem of technological unemployment. At the same time that the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. decided to ask Congress to investigate modern machinery's part in producing unemployment, Green announced the Federation will conduct its own investigation to determine, if possible, how many workers the machine has displaced and what, if anything, may be done about it.

This announcement comes at a time when the Soviet Union is forging ahead to the fullest possible utilization of modern machinery to raise the living standard of those who operate

## Ford Nets Profit in Philanthropic Move

DETROIT.—(FP)—Flivvers and philanthropy both net Henry Ford a profit. A widely publicized move to give work to the jobless has resulted in 4000 regular workers losing their employment at the Ford plant. Henry will net \$800,000 profits through the lower wages paid the newly-hired workers.

With the moving picture producers for the closed shop throughout the production division of the industry. Jurisdiction disputes among the five International Unions involved in making movies, with the one exception of the status of sound men, have also been settled. The Council was told by vice presidents representing four of the International Unions.

the machines, the workers.

Green asserted that there was "growing need and increased demand for the shorter work week."

One of the contradictions of Capitalism, production for profit, is that as the working class becomes more efficient in the processes of production, their buying power is reduced, their technological unemployment, and consequently their consuming power is curtailed.

Under the Soviet system, production for use, this contradiction is eliminated and the more the workers produce the more they are able to consume.

The Executive Council also announced that they were informed that an agreement had been reached